

**TYLERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MISSISSIPPI BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (July 8, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jordan Anthony of Tylertown High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Mississippi Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Anthony is the second Gatorade Mississippi Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Tylertown High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Anthony as Mississippi's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Anthony joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 5-foot-11, 160-pound junior swept the 100- and 200-meter dash at the Class 3A state meet, clocking personal-best times in both and leading the Chiefs to a runner-up finish as a team. Rated No. 5 in the national MileSplit 50, Anthony's time of 10.30 seconds in the 100 ranked as the nation's No. 9 wind-legal clocking among 2021 prep competitors. Additionally, according to MileSplit.com, his time was the No. 1 wind-legal performance in state high school history. His 21.11 in the 200 ranked No. 25 nationally and he also won the 100 dash at June's adidas Boost Boston Games and chipped in a fourth-place finish in the long jump at the state meet.

A member of the Mesa Mt. Olive Baptist Church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Xcel Athletics Track and Field Club, providing instruction for youth athletes. "Jordan is a super hard-working and humble young man," said Myreon Sartin, head coach at Tylertown. "He has only scratched the surface of his potential. We've won the state title nine of the past 10 years and he is the most skilled athlete we've had in that span, including a number of NCAA Division I talents."

Anthony has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Anthony joins recent Gatorade Mississippi Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Cameron O'Neal (2019-20 & 2018-19, Biloxi High School), and Cameron Crump (2017-18 & 2016-17, Strayhorn High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Anthony has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Anthony is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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